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The Secretary

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From:

8/AL - Llewellyn E. Thompson

Subject:

Translation of report from

The following is a translation of information furnished by the based upon a report from Havana:

"According to the Commander of the ship, whom I saw at great length yesterday, the "Oremburg," "Krasnograd," and "Kosimov" do not have in their cargo anything but infantry or field artillery ammunition -- the cases which they unloaded were both extremely heavy and of small volume (two meters by one meter by fifty centimeters average.)

half loaded, and as this is not the custom for ships which make such a long and expensive voyage to a country which lacks many essential products, the _Captain is persuaded that in the course of the quarantine the ships in question -the two last at least -- have been obliged to discharge in a friendly port, perhaps at sea on other freighters, a great part of the arms or equipment which could have been on board before the twentysecond of October.

"However, as these ships arrived at Havana only

estimates that the relatively high speed of these freighters - fifteen knots - permitted them easily to go meanwhile to a Yugoslav port for example in order to unload the arms which could have been compromising. "

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